

REMARKS

Applicant hereby responds to the restriction and/or election requirement mailed April 19, 2004. Applicant also amends some claims, cancels other claims without prejudice, and adds several new claims. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the cancelled claims or other similar claims in other applications. The Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned attorney at the number listed below if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

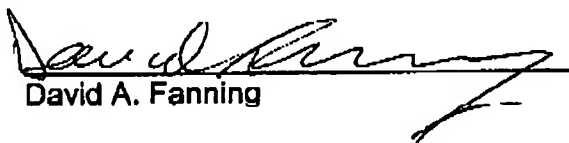
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